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Docket No. 826.1605/ JDH

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroaki TAKEBE, et al.

Serial No.: 09/577,340 /

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: May 24, 2000

Examiner: Unassigned

For: **PATTERN SEGMENTATION APPARATUS AND PATTERN
RECOGNITION APPARATUS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification as follows:

Page 13,

line 18, change "Kyouritsu Shuppan" to --Maruzen Kabushiki Kaisha--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct a typographical error in the specification as originally-filed.